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For: EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING SYSTEM FOR  
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted  
in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 9 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 13 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 14 of this paper.